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## THE GRIM REAPER.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

### CAPTAIN J. S. McDOWELL.

Shortly afterwards, Captain John S. McDowell died at his home in Smith Centre, Kansas, April 24th. The Smith Centre newspapers published several columns of obituary. From this we publish the following excerpts from a sketch of his life:

Captain McDowell was born in Franklin county, Pa., August 1, 1840, and at the age of 12 years he removed to Fulton county, and later to Smith Centre, Kansas where he prospered in the mercantile business. In 1876 he was married to Miss Cordelia A. Niles, of Wisconsin.

On September 1, 1861, he enlisted for a three-year term in Company F, 77th Pa. Volunteers. He was taken prisoner at Chickamauga September 19, 1863, and held in various southern prisons until March 1865. He was mustered out of service July 1866. When he was promoted to the rank of Captain of his company, the members presented him with a fine sword with the regular service belt. The inscription was "Presented to Captain John S. McDowell by the members of Company F, 77th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a mark of esteem and reward for meritorious service April 1, 1863." When he was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, this sword was taken from him, but the Captain to whom he delivered it exchanged addresses with him, promising to return the sword at the end of the war. The sword was afterwards traced through many southern individuals and states; but finally, all trace of it was lost.

Thirty-six years later, a young man of Jackson, Georgia, advertised the sword in New York papers. The advertisement was seen by a young lady of Kansas who knew the Captain, and she telegraphed the good news to him, and it was not long afterwards that the Captain regained possession of this most cherished relic.

Captain McDowell left the neighborhood of Fort Littleton to enlist in the army when he was about twenty-one years of age. After he had settled in the west, he took such an active part in the public welfare that he soon became a leader. He served as mayor, bank director, director of the Kansas penitentiary, and was one of the staunchest supporters of the Kansas state agricultural college that has done so much to develop agriculture not only in that state, but its influence has gone out all over the great West. His death is a loss not only to the immediate community in which he lived and worked, but to the whole state of Kansas.

### JOHN M. WINTERS.

John M. Winters, one of Fulton County's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home in Thompson township, Thursday, May 20, 1915, aged 85 years, 2 months, and 25 days. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor Rev. Calvin L. Funk, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Tonoeway Baptist church, last Saturday.

Mr. Winters was married many years ago to Annie, daughter of Robert and Amy Bailey McClellan, who survives, together with the following children, namely, Effamy, widow of the late John Douglass, of Thompson township; Miss Lura, at home; George A., residing in the same township; and Maggie, wife of Luther Hyatt, residing in West Virginia.

The deceased was a member of the Tonoeway Primitive Baptist church and a most excellent christian gentleman. Unassuming in his manner, but one of those men whose word was good as his bond and the very soul of honor and

uprightness in his dealing with his fellow-man.

### DALLAS MYERS.

Mr. Dallas H. Myers, formerly of this county but lately of Franklin County died last Saturday of heart weakness and failure, aged 58 years, 1 month, and 19 days. A little over a year ago his wife died. And later, a few months ago, his daughter Mrs. Edgar Downin, was called away. Financial troubles also became a part of his burden, and under the weight of it all, his health broke down. His home was broken up and he removed to Franklin county and made his home with his brother William, and his granddaughter Mrs. Lillian Rider. About twenty years ago he became a member of the United Presbyterian church of McConnellsburg and adhered to his faith unto the end of his days. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Pine of Franklin county, one brother and three sisters, namely, William, and Mrs. Ed Pine of Franklin county; Mrs. Joseph Erisman of Tod township, and Barbara, in the West. His remains were brought to this place where funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Grove on last Sabbath afternoon and interment was made in Union cemetery.

### MRS. EMMA WILT.

Mrs. Emma Wilt, widow of the late Michael S. Wilt, died at her home in Fort Littleton, this county Tuesday, May 25, 1915, aged 80 years, 3 months, and 22 days. The funeral services conducted by Rev. W. M. Cline of the Methodist Episcopal church, took place Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and interment was made in the cemetery at Fort Littleton beside the remains of her husband who passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Wilt had been confined to her bed only about two weeks, and death was the result of a general debility incident to advancing age. She is survived by two children, namely, Mrs. Bertha Bare and De Kalb Wilt—both of Fort Littleton, and by two brothers, Alfred and Oliver Carothers, of Orbisonia.

### MRS. ROSE BOLYARD FISHER.

Mrs. Rose Bolyard Fisher died in her beautiful new home in Tunnelton, W. Va., May 5, 1915, aged 29 years, 3 months, and 18 days. She leaves no children—a babe born eight days prior to the mother's death having lived but five days. Her husband, Thomas Fisher, survives. The funeral was held May 10th, and was attended from this county by Mr. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Sadie Kanuff of the Cove, and by his aunt, Mrs. Ross R. Hann, of Licking Creek township. Mr. Fisher is general manager of a chain of ten stores owned by Kauffman and Fisher, of Tunnelton, W. Va. His marriage to Miss Bolyard took place February 15, 1914.

### MRS. ALICE ROBINSON.

Mrs. Alice Robinson, wife of Aaron Robinson, died at their home near Union Memorial church, Bedford county, May 17, 1915, aged 43 years, 1 month and 16 days. The funeral was held on May 19th, interment being made in the cemetery at the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church of which she was a member. Rev. Frownfelter conducted the services. She is survived by her husband and two children. Also by several brothers and sisters one of which is Mrs. Sarah Ann Stevens of Saluvia.

### MRS. ELIZABETH MOORE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, wife of the late Captain J. Addison Moore, died at the home of her son Dr. Joseph L. Moore, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday, May 21, 1915, aged about seventy years. Mrs. Moore was a native of Campbell, Cumberland County, Pa., to which place her remains were brought for interment last Sunday. She was an aunt of Mrs. Thomas F. Sloan, of this place. Miss Mary Sloan attended the funeral.

### CAPTAIN ELI EICHELBERGER.

Veteran Eli Eichelberger, better known to many of our readers as Captain Eichelberger, died in Everett, May 18th, aged 75 years, 4 months, and 14 days. Probably, no other Bedford county man of his day, took a more active part, and was identified with more industrial institutions, than Captain Eichelberger.

## WHO HAS LIVED LONGEST?

Incidents of History Connected With the Lives of Fulton County's Oldest Residents.

On May 6th, we asked for short histories of the lives of old residents of Fulton county. To the one showing the longest residence barring war service we will send the NEWS free for the remainder of his or her life. To the second oldest pioneer we will send the paper for five years free and to the third, one year free. The following is the first letter we have received in which some history was given. The other applicants sent age only. What we want is a story of their lives.

If Miss Sarah A. Wible, better known locally as Aunt Sallie Wible, lives until the 17th day of next July, she will have completed a life of 88 years. Her brother Benjamin will be 86 years of age on the fifth of next December.

These two aged people were born and grew to manhood and womanhood on the old Wible place about one fourth of a mile from where Dane postoffice is now located. It was the first farm to be cleared back of Scrub Ridge, thus making it the oldest farm in that neighborhood. The farm is owned by H. O. Wible. Miss Sarah is a daughter of Adam and Jane Wible, deceased.

After the death of her father, which occurred about sixty years ago, aunt Sallie worked out for a few years and then came home to care for her mother who died about thirty-five years ago. After that event, she and her brother Lewis lived together until ten years ago this fall, when Lewis died. Since that time she has lived with her niece, Mrs. Scott Brant, near Dane. Part of the time that Aunt Sallie worked out she lived with William Cooper and she carried many a bucket of water from the spring where the McConnellsburg reservoir now stands. At another time she lived in the home of Benjamin Bolinger, when he kept hotel on the pike where John Lake now lives. She can relate many curious stories of how traveling on the pike was done in those days. She tells that a coffin containing a corpse was hung in chains under a big Conestoga Wagon and brought in that way from a western state and taken down south for interment. During her long life she was never more than ten miles from home. On the 6th of last December she fell, and since that time she has been helpless—although she is not sick.

### LETTER, No. 2.

Miss Elizabeth Bailey.—I was born on a farm on Timber Ridge, in what is now Thompson township, Fulton county, Pa., on Monday, December 13, 1829. At the time I was born the farm lay in Bethel township, Bedford county. Hence, if my life shall be spared to see another birthday, I shall be 86 years of age. With the exception of five months that I, at one time, spent in the family of George Fisher in Hancock, Md., I have spent my entire life of more than fourscore years in the immediate neighborhood of my birth. I would hardly take rank as a great traveler, for the Trough Creek Baptist church in Huntingdon county, which is less than fifty miles from my home is the greatest point in distance that I have ever been away from my birthplace. Berkley Springs, W. Va., distant about 20 miles from my home, Hancock, Md., Warfordsburg, Needmore, and McConnellsburg, are the towns that I have visited in my lifetime.

In my childhood days, in the section of country in which I was born, there were very few houses of more than one story and a half—that is one room down stairs and a garret up—with an ordinary ladder taking the place of the modern stairway. There were no cookstoves, no buggies, but few spring-wagons, and they

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A Great Success From Start to Finish, Unusually Large Number of Persons in Attendance.

While no one but the officials know just how much planning actual work it takes to keep an organization like the Fulton County Sunday School organization on its feet, and see to it that it not only marks time, but actually makes important strides forward every year, it was a matter of congratulation to the officers as well as much satisfaction to the friends of the Sunday School, that the convention last week should take such high rank with the work in other parts of the State.

At the first session on Thursday afternoon, it was found that every district in the County was represented. The instructors and special workers were on the ground, the auditorium was well filled with anxious friends, and the work from the beginning went on at high speed.

It was soon found that no one room in town would accommodate the number of people that would be present in the evening, and it was arranged that the men should attend at the school auditorium, and the ladies at the Methodist church Thursday evening. This was a thoughtful provision, for both places were filled to their full seating capacity.

The only change in the program as previously announced was the calling off of the parade which became necessary on account of the rain. And had the weather been favorable, McConnellsburg would have witnessed one of the most unique parades in her history.

The music was fine at all the sessions. One thing that adds to the music in any meeting of that kind is, to have plenty of books. This matter had not been overlooked, and with a capable leader, and a male chorus of thirty-five voices, the music was a most important feature of the convention.

All expenses for the convention were met, leaving almost enough for the entire state pledge of \$65.00.

Among the speakers present were Miss Martha Kendall, for several years doing home missionary work in the South, and Miss Alice Wishart, lately returned foreign missionary from India. The addresses made by these ladies were full of information and inspiration, and the influence will be felt in increased and more intelligent interest in this most important branch of the work of the great Christian Church.

It is out of the question for the limited space in the home newspapers to give in detail the many good things said by the several speakers, but the thoughts expressed by them will be carried by the delegates back and given to the schools throughout the County, and in that way the whole work will be helped. The list of new officials will be given next week.

didn't have "springs." Every one that could afford it, rode horseback, and the rest walked. Young folks thought nothing of getting up early Sunday morning, getting their work out of the way, and then walking eight or ten miles to church. The young sport who was fortunate enough to have a horse, took his girl "on behind him," that is, they both rode the same horse. Nearly every farmer's daughter was a splendid horsewoman, and could ride equally well in saddle or "bareback." Girls or younger women wore no shoes in summer time, and usually shared the farm work in the field, doing the same work as men. Hence, you will see I have lived to see the coming of the buggy, the bicycle, the motorcycle, the automobile, and the aeroplane. As an artificial light, pine knots were relied upon. Those who could afford it used tallow candles.

To be continued.

## MOUNTAINS NOT BARRIERS.

Railroads No Longer Need Follow Long Winding Water Courses, or Pass Through Expensive Tunnels.

For many years the people of the larger part of Fulton County felt they were doomed to be forever deprived of railroad facilities. This conclusion was based upon the fact that, until recently, railroads could not be operated successfully upon a grade that exceeded 2 per cent. Hence the oldtime steam roads followed long winding water courses, or pass through tunnels made at the expenditure of millions of dollars, and then with great risk of loss of life and destruction of property. Thanks to the developments of science, and of modern invention, railroads may be built and operated most successfully right up the steep mountain side, or across the hills and hollows—much more easily than the hauling by teams over hilly roads. When the present promoter, E. J. Post, came into this community and proposed building a real standard gauge railroad right across the Cove mountain and thus connect McConnellsburg with the Cumberland Valley railroad at Fort Loudon, it was thought impracticable—if not impossible, by many, and some there are, who refuse to be convinced even now. There were enough, however, who had sufficient faith in the project to put up money and form an organization, get a charter, find companies who were glad to take the contract to construct the work, and now the work has actually begun.

In order to make assurance doubly sure, the officers of the home Company, conceived the idea of inviting as many of the citizens of Fulton and Franklin as cared to join, to be the guests of the Company in an automobile excursion to Hagerstown, there to be the guests of the Hagerstown & Frederick Railway Company. This excursion was pulled off last Saturday and more than sixty persons in fourteen automobiles made the journey. At Hagerstown the party was met by representatives of the H. & F. Ry Co., a special car was placed at their disposal, and the party was taken over the road as far as Braddock Heights on the summit of the South Mountain, a distance of 23 miles, a most beautiful spot, indeed. Here after a magnificent luncheon had been served, the guests were shown the sub-station power house of the Company at the summit of the mountain and were shown also the electric locomotive, of the same type and tonnage as proposed for our local railway. The locomotive was seen in operation drawing trains loaded with materials over grades as high as 8 1/2 per cent. on a direct haul of three miles which was taken with apparently little effort. The approximate weight of tonnage pulled by this locomotive, according to the statements of the officials of the Hagerstown Railway Company, was approximately 200 tons. The grade at this point incidentally, is 2 1/2 per cent. steeper than the grade at the steepest part of our proposed line from McConnellsburg to Fort Loudon as our grade does not at any point exceed 6 per cent.

The electric locomotive demonstrated, is one of four used by that company which hook onto freight cars on the steam railway at Frederick and Hagerstown and convey them from those cities right over the trolley tracks to the various mountains and foothills, a distance of thirty miles, loaded to their capacity delivering them to various points of destination, where they are re-loaded with the products of the territory contiguous to the trolley line and shipped to market.

The demonstration given showed the wonderful electric locomotive hauling three standard freight cars, two of which were

## Cove Cattle Dying.

Something new in cattle distemper has appeared on several farms in Big Cove. Cattle owned by George Buterbaugh, Conrad Glazier, William Cutchall, and the Patterson Bros. were turned out on adjoining pasture grounds owned by Mr. Buterbaugh, and Mr. Glazier, near Jugtown. About two weeks ago, it was noticed that the cattle were not looking right. Recently, three of Mr. Buterbaugh's cattle died, and others are sick and may die. William Cutchall has lost one, with more expected to die, and Mr. Glazier and the Pattersons have each lost one, with more sick. As nearly as we can describe them, the symptoms are as follows: Falling off of flesh and presenting appearance of general decline until they die. The Buterbaugh cattle bled freely at the nose; but the bleeding was not general among the other men's cattle. Mr. Buterbaugh opened one and found the intestines obstructed by a solid mass of undigested matter. He has notified the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, and asked that a veterinary be sent at once to investigate the disease. There are no symptoms of foot and mouth disease. On the contrary, it is believed that some poisonous growth was gathered and eaten by the cattle.

During the last week in April we heard of four or five sick cattle belonging to the late John J. McDonald, on the McDaniel farm near Saluvia; but we were unable to get the particulars. Some of them died. Three weeks ago, George S. Mellott, of Belfast township, went to the pasture to bring home the cows and found one had died during the day, although he had not noticed anything the matter with her when taken to the pasture in the morning.

## Birthday Party.

While Mrs. Grover Peck was busy doing her morning work on last Saturday she was suddenly surprised by seeing her friends and neighbors coming in with baskets laden with good things. After greetings to every one, the women prepared the dinner to which every one did justice and a few feared they had eaten too much.

After some music in the afternoon, the people returned to their homes feeling that they had a pleasant time. Although the day was rainy, quite a number of people assembled.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Hamil and children Frank, Paul, Clarence and Ivan; Mrs. Reuben Helman and children Mary, Hazel, Jean, Norman and Don; Mrs. John Hamil and children Marion, Lena and George; Mrs. Ira Fore and son Fillmore; Mrs. Elmer Glunt and children Harry and Margaretta; Mrs. Harry Hamil and son Don; Mrs. Bert Kelso and daughters May and Iva; Mrs. Jack Cook and daughter Mav; Mrs. Samuel Helman and daughter Emma; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Peck and son Merrill; Mrs. Wash Kelso, Ray Kerlin, Bruce Wible, Emory Glunt, Walter Johnson, Julia Kelso, Luna Gress, Ruth Naugle, Erma Gress.

box cars, and the other a flat car loaded with rock.

In response to a short address by Vice President John P. Sipes, thanking the H. & F. Ry Co., officials for the courtesy shown, Mr. Henry F. Holzapfel, Vice President of the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway Company spoke most intelligently and convincingly of the great growth following this class of transportation and especially did he commend Mr. Post in what he has done and stated that he had gone thoroughly into our proposition with Mr. Post and finds him to be most conservative, and that all he has claimed is within our power and should receive the combined support of the entire county.

## THE CARE OF WOUNDS.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

The scratch of a poisoned ring was often sufficient to effectually dispose of an enemy during the Middle Ages. Such procedure is no longer fashionable and many people are careless in neglecting slight wounds not thinking them worthy of consideration.

It is easily possible for any cut or abrasion which is sufficient to draw blood to become infected with possible serious results. Not that one should worry over a cut finger or the like, but there are certain precautions which should be given to the slightest wound.

This is because through puncture, scratch or cut some of the many micro-organisms may find entrance and result in infection. As these little trouble makers are found everywhere and are apt to be on almost anything we touch it is obvious that some protection should be given any open wound.

First, however, the wound should be cleansed, preferably with water which has been boiled. After this is done some antiseptic should be applied. A 2 per cent. solution of carbolic acid of tincture of iodine applied around the edge and directly in the cut will satisfactorily disinfect smaller wounds and can be easily obtained. A piece of sterile gauze or linen should then be applied.

The wound should not be hermetically sealed as many of the most dangerous infecting agents are those which only thrive when the air is shut away. Among these is the germ of the dreaded tetanus of lock-jaw. For this reason court plaster should not be used.

It is wise for travelers, campers and vacationists to provide themselves with sterilized bandages before starting on a trip. These are put up in convenient and compact form and are a material aid in caring for wounds. In case sterile bandages are not at hand linen can be sterilized by pressing on both sides with a very hot iron or by dipping in some antiseptic solution.

Deep cuts and wounds of a more serious nature should always be treated by a surgeon.

## Memorial Sermon.

The annual sermon to King Post G. A. R. was delivered in the High School Auditorium last Sunday morning by Rev. J. L. Yearick assisted by Rev. Robert E. Peterman. The hall was filled with an appreciative audience. The Union Choir, lead by Miss Olive Pittman, rendered special music. Miss Annie Dickson presided at the piano.

The following members of King Post marched in a body to seats reserved for them; J. Wesley Hoop, William Reed, Adam Clevenger, James Youse, Ezekiah Polsgrove, James Rummell, and T. N. Hammel. The organized Sons of Veterans, Merrill Nace, George Comer, George Kelso, E. Murray Ray, and C. Bruce Paylor attended in a body and occupied seats reserved for them.

As the succeeding years take toll of the defenders of our country, these services become more and more impressive not only to the Veterans, but to the public. When we remember that the majority of these men were of voting age, at least, when they offered their services to the country, and that fifty years have elapsed since they were mustered out, we cannot hope that they may remain with us for a very great part of a like period. And yet, if some of these old war heroes should hear the bugle call to arms to defend their country in the present world-wide crisis, they would, like the storied war horse, chafe under restraint of limitations set by Uncle Sam, and we have no doubt that a few of them could march as far, and shoot as straight, as many of the Sons who soon will be the sole representatives at these annual functions.